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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Schultz *et al.*  
APPLICATION NO.: 09/740,615  
FILED: December 18, 2000  
FOR: PLASMON RESONANT PARTICLES,  
METHODS AND APPARATUS

EXAMINER: Lam, A.  
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**Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116**

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Sir:

The present communication responds to the final Office Action dated October 17, 2005 in the above-identified application. Enclosed herewith is a petition for a two-month extension of time in which to file this response, and a Notice of Appeal. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2. Remarks begin on page 5.